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## NO SLACKERS REPORTED HERE REGISTRATION DAY

**TEN TO NUMBER OF 113 SIGN ROLLS—ABOUT HALF ARE MARRIED BUT FEW CLAIM EXEMPTION—ONE ALIEN ENEMY REGISTERED.**

## CHINAMEN CONCERNED TRUTH CORRECT CARD

**Arnold and Roy Smith First in Third Precinct and Arthur M. Mucks First in Second—No Known Slackers—Several Mexicans Numbered—Men Above Age Call on Board.**

One hundred thirteen Ontario men between the ages of 20 and 31 registered for military service under the conscription law on Tuesday. There was not the slightest opposition to the registration so far as known. During the day rumors were circulated purporting to credit at least one or four young men with absconding themselves from the city purvey. Officials will look into these rumors, however, when the completed rolls have been compared. The honor of being first to register in the second precinct went to Arthur M. Mucks, a railroad employee who was the registration officers when they opened the office. Ivan Arnold was first, just a moment ahead of Roy Smith in the third precinct. Earl Field was the first man to register in the first precinct, he had his ink made out shortly after 7 a. m. In the first precinct Registrar M. Newton, assisted by Ray Wilson, and the name of 12 citizens. At the hall for the second precinct Registrar C. M. Stearns, assisted by A. L. Skram and E. A. Frazier listed 62 names, while D. P. Dearborn, assisted by W. L. Turner, registered 39 names. When the registration officers opened the first precinct, another Chinaman gave his age by letters from boys away from home who, mindful of the law had communicated with Sheriff Brown and sent their registration in. LaRue Blackaby was one of those who did so, but later when the University of Oregon closed four days sooner than expected he was able to get home in time for registration.

**"Must Tell Truth."**

There were a number of odd circumstances revealed to the registration officials, among them the proverbial truthfulness of the Chinese. One of the almond eyed Orientals, not understanding the questions of registration officers in the second precinct declared he was "married," and the officers took his word for it. After he had been gone a few minutes he came back with another Oriental and asked to have the record straightened. Another Chinaman gave his age as 28 to the register, who misunderstood and put down 29 and when he read the card over to the China boy he became excited and declared, "must change, my China paper say must tell truth."

Only one young man indicated his desire to claim exemption, but he did not do so outright, merely said that he did not want to carry a gun and that his father did not want him to. No claim for exemption was made for him.

Approximately half of the young men who registered in Ontario are married and have children depending upon them for support.

There was only one resident alien enemy registered in Ontario but there were several resident aliens, most of whom were Mexicans working on the railroad. Most of these Mexicans claimed military experience in Mexico.

A complete list of all those who registered will be printed as soon as the sheriff's office has it compiled for the county.

## MADE SCHOOL HONOR WON BY ONTARIO BOY

**Wesley Glenn of Ontario, with a grade average of 97 and one ninth, won first honors among the eighth grade graduates of Malheur County. And what is more, another boy, and he too, from Ontario, William Biggs, was close on the heels of the winner. To record the winner of first and second place by boys these days is a rarity that can hardly be passed by.**

These are the grades made by the winner of first place, Wesley Glenn, in state examination: Civil Government, 100; Grammar, 97; History, 97; Orthography, 100; Physiology, 97; Hygiene, 97; Reading 98; Writing, 98; Arithmetic, 99; Agriculture, 99.

Wesley Glenn, the winner, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Glenn. William Biggs, who so closely followed him, is the son of Judge and Mrs. Dalton Biggs.

## WESLEY WARD IS SHOT—R. L. HAMILTON UNDER BONDS

As a result of a shooting affray at Watson, Tuesday morning, R. L. Hamilton who shot Steve Ward through the back below the right shoulder has been placed under a \$500 bond by Justice R. B. Lytle. Ancient grudge was the cause of the shooting. There were three shots fired. Mr. Ward is able to be moved around.

## SOLDIER BOYS HAVE LOTS OF JOYS IN LIFE

**BILL BLACKBAY WRITES FROM PORT SAM HOUSTON THAT BASE BALL IS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL AMUSEMENTS**

## HE LONGS FOR HIS UKALALLE

**Boys Fled it Hard to Get Postage Stamps and Suggestion is Made That a Big Bunch Would Help Some.**

In the following letter received last week by J. R. Blackaby from his son William who is now stationed at Port Sam Houston there is furnished a good picture of the daily life of the soldier boys. Private Blackaby says:

Friday, May 25th.

Was sick for a couple of days, but am feeling fine again. Am still working at headquarters and like it pretty good.

My chief duty now is to make out a report each day of the men in the hospital—names, etc., and the number reporting back for duty each day and what companies they all belong to. I may have to help work on the pay roll for a few days for it's quite a job. We had to muster today to sign the pay roll.

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## WAKE UP! ONTARIANS

Aside from the subscriptions of the local banks but \$2,800 of Liberty Loan Bonds have been subscribed for in Ontario.

Your Government needs Your aid in financing the war.

Deposits in the local banks are now over \$1,000,000. This community should subscribe for \$50,000 to \$75,000 of Liberty Loan Bonds. This is the first time the Government has requested aid from most of us. We owe it our Aid and fullest co-operation. We have enjoyed liberty and prosperity because of its protection.

The purchase of a Liberty Loan Bond does not mean a donation. You still have your money in the safest investment the world has ever known. Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo has said if Germany can defeat France and England she will take their combined fleets and overwhelm our own fleet. She will then be free to take our seaports, which she will be able to do. Germany expects to exact an enormous indemnity from us if she can. The Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo says the indemnity would not be less than one hundred billion dollars. We will lose whatever we may have to pay as an indemnity.

Isn't it better to subscribe to Five Billions of Bonds and still have the money than to have to pay one hundred billion dollars and lose the money?

Patriotism means more than putting a flag on your car or wearing a shield on your lapel and giving one dollar to the Red Cross. It means Sacrifice. Sacrifice of money, income, loved ones and even life itself. If Our Young Men are Willing to Give up Their Lives for Their Country YOU Ought to Be Willing to Loan YOUR COUNTRY Some of Your Money.

Many of you are wearing buttons saying there are one hundred million more like you. Your government is composed of one hundred million more souls. Suppose they Were All Like You. What support would your government then receive in this present crisis?

Profits in farming and stock raising have been abnormally large because of conditions created by war. People who have profited should subscribe largely.

The following are the subscriptions received up to Wednesday evening by the local banks and the Post Office.

First National Bank, Ontario	\$10,000.00
Ontario National Bank	10,000.00
Thomas Turnbull, Mooreville	1,000.00
H. W. Jones	500.00
E. W. Howland	100.00
I. Jefferson Dickson	100.00
Wm. H. Laxson	100.00
Geo. B. Kellogg	100.00
Harry B. Cockrum	100.00
Mary R. Cockrum	100.00
Mike J. Joyce	100.00
Ray Wilson	100.00
J. R. Gregg	100.00
M. E. Newton	100.00
Sam Creem	50.00
James O'Connor	50.00
Doer N. Dearborn	50.00
John Swager	50.00
Frederick Stewart	50.00
Joe Wilson	50.00

## Will Seek \$5,000 from Ontario for Its Share of Nation's \$100,000,000

Ontario with its auxiliary of the Baker chapter of the American Red Cross is expected to raise at least \$5,000 as its share of the first \$100,000,000 needed for America's share in the relief of war sufferers. Vale with its chapter of the American National Red Cross is expected to raise just half that amount.

The State of Oregon has set before it the task of raising \$500,000. Idaho has been appropriated \$250,000; Washington has been given \$1,000,000 to raise.

These figures were given out at the conference held this week in Portland of the officers and delegates from all of the Red Cross Chapters in California, Washington, Idaho.

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## Former Ontario Man Shows Faith By Taking Farley Building in Trade

Showing that he still has faith in the prosperity of Ontario, W. T. Lampkin, now the cashier of a Payette bank became the owner of the Farley building here. The deal was made with Messrs Perkins & Mustig of Springfield, Oregon, and in exchange Mr. Lampkin gave some Webster property and cash. The total consideration is said to be approximately \$25,000. The Farley building, which has just been renovated for tenants is one of the centrally located business blocks being occupied by the Gregory, Moss & Zeller and the Barber rooms.

The deal was made this week and Mr. Lampkin became the owner of the building on June 3.

## MALHEUR COUNTY WILL HARVEST BUMPER CROPS

**BOTH IN IRRIGATED AND DRY FARM SECTIONS THE CROPS ARE LOOKING FINE—THE COOL WEATHER HAS DONE NO DAMAGES AS YET—SPRAYING NOW UNDERWAY.**

## WHEAT ACREAGE IS MORE THAN DOUBLED

**Besides This There is Every Indication That the Per Acre Yield Will Be Abnormally Large—Soft Fruits and Apples Show Heavy Bearing—Trees are Loaded to Capacity.**

From away below Nyssa on the Owyhee, below Kingman Colony and that famous Big Bend region, from the Boulevard between Nyssa and Ontario, and then on to Dead Ox Flat, and then on back to the Harney county line, up to Brogan valley and from every nook and corner in Malheur county's valleys come one story. "The Greatest Crop Prospects we have ever seen."

The appearances of the fields substantiate the opinion of the ranchers. Despite the cold backward spring the stand of alfalfa will be heavier than usual and the crop which will be cut in a few weeks will be heavy.

Besides this there will be more than four times as much wheat and other cereals harvested in the county than ever before. This due to the fact that the acreage is three times greater than in any year of the past and the further fact that the crop is going to be heavy.

The fruit ranchers are to be doubly blessed, if present prospects prevail until harvest, for they have "done their bit" toward increasing the cereal crop. Between practically every row of trees in the valley, this year, there is either alfalfa or grain grown.

W. W. Howard, county agricultur-

## MAJORITY FOR GOOD ROADS OVER 20,000

**THE SURPRISE IS FACT THAT UP STATE, OUTSIDE OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHOWS MAJORITIES FOR MEASURE—MALHEUR COUNTY IN LIST.**

## ALL ELECTIONS ON SAME DAY

**Ontario One of Cities Affected by Change in Laws—New Penitentiary Probably Denied—Voters Are Disheartening—Portland May Build Great Fleet.**

Without much ado the people of Oregon, that is about half of them, took a few minutes off to pass laws last Monday. When the people got thru, that is half of them, it was found that they had voted to bond the state for \$4,000,000 to build good roads. They also declared that it is foolish to hold two or three elections when one will do, so they made it a law that all elections shall be held on the same day. They denied the petition of the prisoners of Salem for a sanitary prison, declaring that the present filthy arrangement is good enough for a felon. The voters also told Portland that it might, if its voters so directed, bond itself for any old sum with which to build ships, and the voters also directed that a uniform tax classification was and should be the proper thing in tax measures. The people, that is, half of them also declared that the constitution can be amended by implication, application, penetration or explanation or any other way so long as the people vote in sufficient numbers for the change. The people, that is half of them who have a right to vote, told the legislature that \$2 per day is all an Oregon legislature is worth and that he can go ahead and introduce all the bills

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## WILL HOLD BIG MASS MEETING ON JUNE 11

**Three Portland Speakers Coming to Discuss Problems Which Now Face the American People. Be There.**

The problems which the American people are facing, the duty of every Oregonian in the crisis, and how the people of Ontario can perform the work allotted them to do at this time to help the nation, these are the things which will be discussed at a patriotic mass meeting to be held at the City Hall Monday, June 11.

Three of Portland's well known public men, F. A. Freeman, vice president of the Lumbermans Trust company, C. C. Chapman, editor of the Oregon Voter, and H. H. Couter, manager of the Multnomah Herald will be in Ontario to address the meeting. It is seldom that these men are heard on such an occasion and a audience should greet them.

## EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES MALHEUR COUNTY OREGON

District 26, Nyssa—Gordon MacDonald, Verna Morehead, Alice Spicer, Margaret Carter, Carolyn Cheeley, Minnie Danielson, Alice Harper, Marlin Wilson, Amy Ray.

District 15, Vale—Alma Earp, Fay Chester, Marie Bogart, Ora Lawrence, Bernice Hope, Merle Roswell, Frances Hornbeck, Thelma Richardson, Ella Hornbeck, Francis Ellis.

District 8, Ontario—Erma Howe, Gladys Franklin, Ruby Hunt, Fred Winegar, Jas. Boyd, Harold Newton, Gwendolyn Newton, Inez Kerfoot, Esther Rodin Ruth McCulloch, Donatus Poorman, David Udick, Opal Rawls, Ethel McWilliams, Willis Hale, Wesley Glenn, Gladys Over-

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